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Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.) – Phone inquiry – 1/23/13: Requests report-out on the West Lake Landfill public meeting held on 1/17. Due: 1/25/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (Mo.) – Phone inquiry – 1/11/13: Requests meeting with the RA to discuss the city of Fulton's wastewater draft permit. Due: 1/18/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (Mo.) – Letter – 1/8/13: Constituent concern about a Superfund Information Request regarding Fronabarger Concreters, Inc., in Cape Girardeau. Due: 1/23/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

Rep. Bill Otto (Mo): Email - 1/24/13: - Questions following the Westlake meeting. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

Local Elected Official Inquiries:

Mayor Michael Corcoran (St. Ann, Mo): Phone inquiry – 1/24/13: Requested to be placed on EPA's mailing list & via e-mail notification for future West Lake Landfill activities/actions. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725 (closed)

Press Inquiries:

Inside EPA - Dave Reynolds - 1/23/13: Questions about January 17 public meeting for the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis - Leisa Zigman - 1/23/13: Questions about EPA's costs at the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

KWCH Channel 12, Wichita - Robert Marin, Kim Hynes - 1/24/13: Questions about EPA involvement in possible law enforcement activity at recycling center on Industrial Road in El Dorado, Kan. Referred to Mike Burnett with EPA Criminal Investigation Division. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394; Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Wallaces Farmer - Lori Morgan-Leonard - 1/24/13: Questions about EPA Region 7's flyover inspection activity involving Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in Iowa. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Environmental Stories:

Iowa City Press Citizen - 73 cities in Iowa end up receiving money in settlement - 1/24/13 - When the city of Iowa City's water superintendent got a notice in the mail last summer imploring him to join a class action lawsuit against a Swiss herbicide manufacturer, he thought maybe it was a scam. "It kind of came out of the blue," Ed Moreno said. "At first we were kind of wondering, 'Is this real? What's the

story?"

<http://www.press-citizen.com/article/20130124/NEWS01/301240017/73-cities-lowa-end-up-receiving-mon-ey-settlement>

Atlantic Wire - How Obama Could Nix the Keystone Pipeline (and Why He Won't) - 1/24/13 -

President Obama will be confronted with the first big policy decision of his second term where environmentalists and business interests are at odds: the Keystone XL oil pipeline. Despite promising to act on climate change in his inaugural address, all signs point to the controversial project going forward.

<http://www.theatlanticwire.com/technology/2013/01/how-obama-could-nix-keystone-pipeline-and-why-he-wont/61380/>

KMOX Radio (St. Louis) - Unknown Stench Surrounds Bridgeton Neighborhood - 1/24/13 -

There was a foul smell in the air in Bridgeton Wednesday. Several residents complained to KMOV-TV that the stench was so pervasive, they could smell it in their homes, and some say it made their eyes burn.

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/01/24/smelly-unknown-stench-surrounds-bridgeton-neighborhood/>

Reuters - Analysis: Obama's next climate steps apt to be temperate - 1/23/13 - The Obama administration is likely to rely mostly on existing rules and on flexing executive power to execute its second-term environmental agenda, sidestepping Congress as it sets about radically reducing greenhouse gases generated by major polluters.

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/01/23/us-climate-change-obama-idUKBRE90M05520130123>

Environment & Energy Daily - Officials from 17 states launch splinter group of regulatory agencies

- 1/23/13 - Representatives from 17 states today joined an alternative association for local and state air pollution control agencies. The Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies, or AAPCA, plans to be fully operational by April, its interim director, Karen Riggs, told reporters on a conference call.

<http://www.eenews.net/public/Greenwire/2013/01/23/2>

National Journal - Obama's Climate Vow Could Make EPA a Political Target - 1/24/13 - President Obama's second Inaugural Address left no doubt about his desire to put climate change front and center in his second term. He's likely to pursue his agenda through executive actions rather than legislation, at least initially. That could put the Environmental Protection Agency at the center of a political battle, as Senate Republicans use the process of confirming a new head of the agency as a chance to weigh in on or even block what they see as regulatory overreach by the administration in pursuit of climate-change goals.

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/whitehouse/obama-s-climate-vow-could-make-epa-a-political-target-2013-0124>

The Hill - Republicans threaten 'formal action' over EPA head's 'Richard Windsor' emails - 1/24/13

- House Republicans are threatening "formal action" against the Environmental Protection Agency unless the agency hands over records about Administrator Lisa Jackson's use of a secondary government email account. Republicans allege that Jackson's use of an internal account under the alias "Richard Windsor" undercuts the agency's transparency.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/279069-house-gop-presses-epa-on-richard-windsor-email-account>

Power Magazine - Supreme Court Shuns Review of Challenge to EPA SO2 NAAQS Revision -

1/24/13 - The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to review challenges to a 2010 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule setting the acceptable limit for sulfur dioxide (SO2) in the air at 75 parts per billion (ppb) over a 1-hour period. The denial of certiorari leaves intact the EPA's final revision to the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for SO2 emissions from power plants and other industrial facilities.

http://www.powermag.com/POWERnews/Supreme-Court-Shuns-Review-of-Challenge-to-EPA-SO2-NAAQS-Revision_5332.html

Mondaq News Alerts - United States: EPA Finalizes Emission Standards After Stakeholder Input -

1/24/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency finalized the 2010 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE NESHAP) on January 14. The standards regulate stationary engines and power equipment used in industrial, agricultural, oil and gas production, and power generation facilities, as well as engines used in emergency demand response programs.

<http://www.mondaq.com/unitedstates/x/217698/Clean+Air+Pollution/EPA+Finalizes+Emission+Standards+After+Stakeholder+Input>

LEDs Magazine - Lighting coalition asks EPA to lower Energy Star efficacy specs for high CRI lamps

1/24/13 - Sora is spearheading an effort, involving a number of major players in the solid-state lighting (SSL) industry, asking the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to lower the efficacy requirements in the evolving Energy Star Lamps version 1.0 specification -- only impacting products with a CRI of 90 or better. The group believes that more users will adopt LED-based retrofit lamps if Energy Star-recognized options are available with a higher CRI, and therefore the net energy savings throughout the potential US customer base will increase even though the lamps in question use marginally more energy.

<http://ledsmagazine.com/news/10/1/16>

Rigzone - Chesapeake Energy to Host EPA in Study of Fracking Risk to Water - 1/24/13 - Natural gas producer Chesapeake Energy Corp. (CHK) has agreed to let the Environmental Protection Agency conduct extensive tests at one of its drilling sites as part of an investigation into the safety of hydraulic fracturing, an administration official said.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/123748/Chesapeake_Energy_to_Host_EPA_in_Study_of_Fracking_Risk_to_Water

Electric Light & Power - Obama won't propose carbon tax; EPA to expand emission rules to existing power plants

1/24/13 - Despite President Obama's renewed attention to climate change, as expressed in his inaugural address, the White House is ruling out any plans to propose a tax on carbon emissions favored by many environmentalist groups.

<http://www.elp.com/news/2013/01/24/obama-won-t-propose-carbon-tax-nl-epa-to-expand-emission-rules-to-existing-power-plants.html>

Health News Digest - Consumers Union Calls on EPA to Ban Arsenic-Containing Pesticides

1/24/13 - A National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council (NAS/NRC) meeting being held today will be the start of a process that could delay government action for at least three years on the risks of arsenic, according to Consumers Union, the advocacy arm of Consumer Reports.

http://www.healthnewsdigest.com/news/Safety_310/Consumers-Union-Calls-on-EPA-to-Ban-Arsenic-Containing-Pesticides.shtml

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

1/29/13 - Visit the Training and Logistics Center, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

1/30/13 - Regional Tribal Operations Committee Quarterly Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wolfgang

Brandner, 7381

2/4/13 - Iowa Department of Natural Resources/EPA Workplan Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact, Karen Flournoy, 7782

2/5/13 – Meet and greet with John Frece, Director, EPA Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC), Regional Office. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

2/6/13 - Meet and greet with Chairman Dennis Hedke, Kansas House Energy and Environment Committee, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199

2/6-8/13 - Strategic Planning Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/14/13 - Meet and greet with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Col. Anthony Funkhouser, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/22/13 - Interview with Ken Root, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

3/4-6/13 - Iowa State University Lecture Series - Guest Speaker, Ames, Iowa. Contacts: Josh Svaty, 7202 and Julia Cacho, 7071

4/16/13 - Greater St. Louis Air & Waste Management Association meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487.

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1/30/13 - Regional Tribal Operations Committee Quarterly Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

2/5/13 – Meet and greet with John Frece, Director, EPA Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC), Regional Office. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

2/7/13 - 12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

2/14/13 - Meet and greet with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Col. Anthony Funkhouser, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/19/13 - Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) presentation, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

SA:

2/22/13 - Interview with Ken Root, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

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RA/Immediate Office

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Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/J

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

None

WWPD

1/31/13 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen Mindrup, 7431; Stan Calow, 7410

2/7/13 - Missouri Water Classification Workgroup Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Bob Angelo, 7060

2/7/13: Development of Nebraska Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands meeting, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Eliodora Chamberlain, 7945

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